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Notice of Abandonment	Examiner	Art Unit			
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The MAILING DATE of this communication app		l	ress		
This application is abandoned in view of:					
 Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on <u>02 December 2008</u>. (a) ☐ A reply was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of month(s)) which expired on (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. 					
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).					
(c) ☐ A reply was received on but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).					
(d) ☑ No reply has been received.					
 2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85). (a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of 					
Allowance (PTOL-85).					
(b) The submitted fee of \$ is insufficient. A balance of \$ is due.					
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$					
(c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.					
3. Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).					
(a) Proposed corrected drawings were received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.					
(b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.					
4. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the the applicants.	e attorney or agent of record, the ass	ignee of the entire into	erest, or all of		
5. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by ar 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.	attorney or agent (acting in a repres	entative capacity und	er 37 CFR		
6. The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interfer of the decision has expired and there are no allowed clair		se the period for seeki	ing court review		
7. ☑ The reason(s) below:					
The examiner spoke to the applicant's representative establish the status of the application. It was indicated			2009 to		
/Thomas C. Barrett/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3775	/Michael J Araj/ Examiner, Art Unit 3775				
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